

## December 19 - 23, 2016 Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

(Survey data is not available for all locations. Updates will be posted when possible)

Due to the holidays, some areas do not have staff available to get survey data. Winter weather swept the state this week and most areas experienced significant ice. Luckily, we also had a nice push of birds that came with the weather and so far, we have held most of them. As temps rise over the weekend, birds that have been holding tight to the only available open water should disperse and provide opportunity. Merry Christmas, and stay safe out there!

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	64,122 ducks 564 CA Geese 7,000 WF geese 2,000 Snows	94% Mallard, 2% Gadwall, 1% Wigeon & 1% Ring-neck	Monday and Tuesday temps stayed well below freezing, most everything is frozen solid except where birds are keeping water open. We are still pumping where we can.
Boatwright WMA	40,052 ducks	99% Mallard, 1% Hooded Merganser, Gadwall & Pintail	Pumping water where possible.
Birdsville Island	Not surveyed		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	Not Surveyed		
Duck Island	Not Surveyed		
Barren River Lake			
Doug Travis WMA	3,250 ducks	95% Mallards, 5% mixed dabblers.	All 3 wells running and area is 60% flooded. Still need more river to allow impoundments to hold.
Cave Run Lake	Not Surveyed		
Peabody WMA	1,091 Ducks 121 CA Geese	80% Mallard, 15% Gadwall	Rainfall filled many of the moist soil units, but cold weather now has them frozen.
Sloughs WMA	23,700 Ducks 7,700 WF Geese 50 Snows 352 CA Geese 105 Swans	95% Mallard, 5% Pintail, Black Duck, Gadwall and Shoveler.	The birds have been staying on areas that they have been able to keep the water open. The rest of the week should have some

			warmer weather and the ice should start to melt. With the melting ice birds should start to move around looking for areas to feed.
Yellowbank WMA	Zero ducks or geese observed		MSU's are ice covered.
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	Not suveyed		
Herrington Lake	200 Mallards 100 Shovelers 50 CA Geese 50 Coots.		
Taylorsville Lake			
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	Not surveyed		
Green River WMA	Not surveyed		